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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: PETERS, Ralf-Peter et al Conf.: 9259
Appl. No.: 09/623,910 Group: 1743
Filed: November 13, 2000 Examiner: ALEXANDER, LYLE
For: SAMPLE SUPPORT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 29, 2003

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☐ The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.
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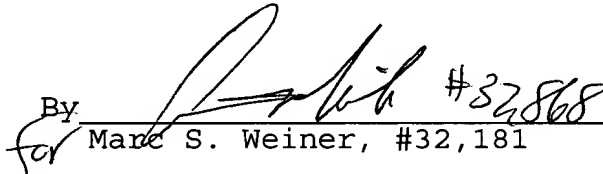
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- ☒ Petition for one (1) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$55.00 for the extension of time.
- ☐ No fee is required.
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$55.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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In reply to the Final Office Action dated January 30, 2003, the due date for response having been extended one (1) month to May 30, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claim:

Claim 40. (New) A sample support, comprising

at least one sample receiving chamber for a sample liquid,